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January 7th, 1918

Mr. William Nottingham,

541 Onondaga Co. Sav. Bk. Bldg.,

Syracuse, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Nottingham:

Your kindness in asking me on behalf of the Syracuse University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to give an address on the 5th of March I appreciate very greatly, but I regret that owing to other engagements it will be impossible for me to leave Toronto at that time. I have to be in Philadelphia towards the end of February and on account of the pressure of my work I cannot make a second visit to the United States so soon afterwards. I hope that you will recognise that in writing you thus I am fully sensible of your courtesy in asking me and I am denying myself pleasure because I have had experience of the hospitality of friends in Albany and its environment.

Wishing you the compliments of the New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Nottingham, William January 1918